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PRAYER

FOR

His MAJESTY's Succeſs

In his Great Undertaking for

IRELAND.

O Moſt glorious Majeſty of Heaven and Earth, who commandeſt all creatures with an abſolute power, and governeſt them with an unerring Wiſdom, impartial Juſtice, and unſpotted Goodneſs; we thine unworthy Servants humbly fall down before thee, and adore thy moſt gracious Providence, by which we have been wonderfully delivered in this Kingdom from Popiſh Tyranny and

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Arbitrary Power, which lately threatned us.

If the Lord had not been on our ſide, (we ought moſt thankfully to acknowledg) *if the Lord had not been on our ſide, when our enemies roſe up againſt us then they had ſwallowed us up, when they were ſo wrathfully diſpleaſed at us. Bleſſed be the Lord, who did not give us as a prey unto their teeth. Bleſſed be the Lord, who hath ſhown us marvellous kindneſs, in not ſuffering them to prevail over us.*

To thy infinite mercy alone we owe our preſent Peace and Tranquillity, the freedom of our Religion, and all our other Liberties: For, as we were not able to deliver our ſelves from thoſe great and apparent dangers wherewith we were encompaſſed ſo, we did not deſerve to be delivered by thee: being *a ſtubborn and rebellious people; a generation that ſet not our hearts aright; whoſe ſpirit was not ſtedfaſt with thee our God.* For

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we have ſoon forgotten thy works, and the wonders which thou haſt ſhown us; we have ſinned yet more againſt thee, by provoking thee immediately after we have been delivered by thee.

We have reaſon to be aſhamed, and bluſh to lift up our faces to thee, O our God, for our Iniquities are encreaſed, by our returning ſo ſoon unto thoſe evil waies which we lately condemned. Pardon, good Lord, this our ſhameful Ingratitude towards thee; pardon it, we moſt earneſtly beſeech thee, and do not puniſh it, by throwing us back again into thoſe dangers we have eſcaped. Give us unfeigned Repentance of that, and all our other hainous Offences againſt thee, particularly our continued uncharitableneſs one towards another, our bitter envying and ſtrife, diſcord and diviſions, into which we are faln afreſh with violent animoſities. Lord, convince us of the greatneſs of this Guilt, and caſt out of us the evil

ſpirit of hatred, and wrath, and revenge, that it may not bring us to confuſion: But Thou, in thy infinite mercy, maiſt be pleaſed not only to ſpare us, but to perfect what Thou haſt begun to do for us, by working the like Deliverance for our Brethren in *Ireland*, that they may *praiſe* Thee together with us.

As Thou haſt given His Majeſty a magnanimous Reſolution to hazard himſelf for their Safety, ſo, we beſeech thee, let the ſame proſperous Succeſſes attend upon him, which brought him hither, and ſettled him on the Throne of *theſe Kingdoms*. Let thy Mercy, O Lord, be upon him, according to the truſt which he profeſſes to repoſe in thee; that thou wilt *vouchſafe a ſpecial Bleſſing upon this his great Undertaking, and thereby conſummate our Deliverance.*

Protect his Royal Perſon, both by Sea and by Land; direct him in all his Coun-

Counſels and Proceedings; preſerve his Fleet and his Armies; conduct and bleſs them in all their Enterprizes; ſtrike a terror every where into his Enemies, and make him victorious over them.

Secure our peace and quietneſs here at home, during his abſence from us: diſcover and defeat all ſecret Contrivances againſt their Majeſties and their Government; ſuppreſs or quell all turbulent Spirits: and let all theſe Commotions end in the happy ſettlement of theſe diſtracted Kingdoms, in the peaceable and ſecure enjoyment of our Religion, and of all the Rights and Liberties belonging to us.

Bleſſed be thy Name, O Lord, who, when we called upon thee the laſt year, was pleaſed graciouſly to grant our Petitions, in preſerving many of our Brethren in *Ireland*, who were ſtraitly beſieged by a numerous

merous Army, and reduced to great extremity. Thou madeſt the Wind and the Sea favourable to our Forces, which were ſent thither: thou gaveſt them a ſafe arrival and landing there, for their ſeaſonable relief: and haſt, ever ſince, made them victorious in all the Encounters they have had with their Enemies.

Stir up the hearts of all thy People, we humbly beſeech thee, not only to call upon thee earneſtly, in publick and private; but to ſearch and try their ways, and to turn unto thee in newneſs of life. That thou mayeſt repeat the very ſame Mercies, by carrying His Majeſty and his Forces ſafely and timely thither; and then compleatly ſubduing all his Oppoſers, and returning him unto this Kingdom in triumph, to reign long and peaceably over us: that, being all delivered out of the hands of our Enemies, we may ſerve thee without

without fear, under Their Majeſties Government, in holineſs and righteouſneſs all our days.

And pity, we pray thee, all other *Reformed Churches* which are laid waſte; and raiſe them up out of their ruins. Hear their Sighs and Groans, and deliver them from their cruel Oppreſſors. Unite all thoſe who hitherto continue in ſafety; that they may be able to defend themſelves, and help their Brethren. Root out that implacable ſpirit of animoſity and hatred, which hath reigned too much among us: and knit us altogether in Brotherly Affection. Make us ſenſible of our Sin, and of our Danger, into which we have brought our ſelves by our fierce contentions; that we may not hereafter be guilty of ſuch fooliſh wickedneſs: but ſtudy how to make and preſerve peace and unity, not-

notwithstanding any differences that remain among us.

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O Lord hear, O Lord forgive, O Lord hearken and do, defer not for thine own sake, O our God; and for thy People who are called by thy name: for we do not present our supplications before thee for our righteousnes, but for thy great mercies, in Christ Jesus. To whom, with thee and the Holy Ghost, be all honour and glory, World without end, *Amen.*

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